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EXAMINING GROUP 2881
PATENT**

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In re Application of:)
Tetsuro NAKASUGI et al.)
Application No.: 09/669,732) Group Art Unit: 2881
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the July 28, 2003 Final Office Action, and under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116,
Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.